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C O N F I D E N T I A L GABORONE 0915

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SUBJECT: MULTI-LATERAL AFFAIRS: POSSIBLE DEBATE ON THE KOREAN ITEM IN  
THE 31ST UNGA

REF: A) GABORONE 0868, B) GABORONE 0861,

C) NAIROBI 4671, D) USUN 1947, E) GABORONE 0838

F) STATE 098185

1. FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS REF , AND IN COORDINATION WITH BRITISH  
AND GERMAN MISSIONS, DCM APPROACHED SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS CHARLES TIBONE MAY 12 ON THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE DEBATE  
IN THE 31ST UNGA ON THE KOREAN QUESTION. IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO  
ISSUE RAISED BY MOGWE IN PARA 2 REF B REGARDING US PRESENCE IN  
KOREA, DCM TOOK WITH HIM EXCERPTS FROM TESTIMONY BY ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY HABIB ON APRIL 8, 1976, BEFORE THE SUB-  
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND ECONOMIC POLICY OF THE  
SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE QUESTION OF U.S.

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RELATIONS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (DEPARTMENT OF STATE

BULLETIN NO. 1922, P. 558). DCM BEGAN BY MAKING POINTS PROVIDED PARAS 4 AND 5 REF F.

2. TIBONE TOOK NOTE OF THE POINTS. HE SAID THAT THE NORTH KOREANS HAD COME TO GABORONE FROM LUSAKA WITHIN PAST TEN DAYS, UNIVITED. THEY HAD SENT A TELEX APRIL 29 ASKING TO COME TO BRIEF ON A "THREAT TO THE PEACE" ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA AND WERE TOLD THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS UNAVAILABLE. THE NEXT THING TIBONE KNEW, THEY WERE CALLING FROM THE HOLIDAY INN ON MAY 3 AND SAID THEY WERE PREPARED TO WAIT AS LONG AS NECESSARY TO SEE THE PRESIDENT. FINALLY, AS INDICATED REF B, THEY SAW THE PRESIDENT AS WELL AS THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER.

3. TIBONE SAID THAT THEIR PURPOSE WAS NOT PRIMARILY TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF A RESOLUTION AT THE UNGA BUT TO COMPLAIN THAT U.S. ACTIVITIES ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA WERE "A THREAT TO THE PEACE" AND TO APPEARL TO THE BOTSWANA GOVERNMENT TO PRESS THE U.S. TO WITHDRAW ITS FORCES. DURING THE DISCUSSIONS, HOWEVER, THEY DID INDICATE THAT THEIR "FRIENDS" WILL INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION ALONG THE LINES LAST YEAR'S. TIBONE SAID THAT THE KOREANS WERE TOLD ONLY THAT THE GOB WAS IN NO POSITION TO DISCUSS U.S. PRESENCE IN KOREA WITH THE U.S. AND THAT OTHERWISE THEY WOULD CONSIDER NORTH KOREAN VIEWS ALONG WITH THOSE OF SOUTH KOREA AND ITS ALLIES.

4. TIBONE SAID THERE HAVE BEEN SOME PAPERS RECEIVED IN PREPARATION FOR THE ALGIERS FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE, INCLUDING A DRAFT RESOLUTION RELATED TO NORTH KOREAN ADMISSION TO THE NON-ALIGNED WHICH HE FEELS WILL PASS WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. THERE WERE NO PAPERS RELATED TO RAISING OF KOREA AT THE UNGA. TIBONE THINKS THAT SUCH ISSUES WILL PROBABLY BE RAISED IN THE PREPARATORY MEETINGS AT COLOMBO PRIOR TO THE SUMMIT IN AUGUST (RECOGNIZE THIS IS A POSSIBLE VARIANCE WITH PARA 2 OF STATE 115833 JUST RECEIVED).

5. TIBONE NOTED THAT THE SOUTH KOREANS HAVE FAILED TO SHOW UP TO PRESENT THEIR CASE FOR SO LONG THAT HE IS BEGINNING TO WONDER IF THEY HAVE GIVEN UP ON BOTSWANA. IF SO, HE SAID, THIS WOULD HAVE AN INFLUENCE ON BOTSWANA'S CONSIDERATION OF THE VARIOUS CONFIDENTIAL

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QUESTION.

6. COMMENT: THE GERMAN CHARGE' CALLED ON TIBONE MAY 13 ON THE BASIS OF JUST RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS. HE INFORMED US THAT TIBONE LISTENED CAREFULLY AND PROMISED TO CONSER GERMAN VIEWS, WHICH WERE SIMILAR IN SUBSTANCE TO PARA 4 REF F AND WERE TRANSMITTED BY NOTE. ACCORDING TO CHARGE', TIBONE SEEMED SURPRISED AT GERMAN DEMARCHE AND INDICATED HE

WOULD GIVE IT MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION.

7. WE HAVE NOT HEARD FROM THE KOREANS IN NAIROBI. GIVEN  
TIBONE'S REMARKS, IT SEEMS ESSENTIAL FOR ANY POSSIBLE MOVE-  
MENT BY THE GOB THAT THE SOUTH KOREANS COME AND BE PREPARED  
TO ADDRESS PARTICULARLY THE ISSUE OF AMERICAN PRESENCE AND  
TO STAY AS LONG AS NECESSARY TO MAKE THEIR POINTS AT APPROPRIATELY  
HIGH LEVEL.

8. FOR NAIROBI: RE REF C, YOU MAY TELL THE SOUTH KOREANS  
THAT, ACCORDING TO TIBONE, THE NORTH KOREANS WERE AMBASSADOR  
FROM LUSAKA AND MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF.  
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